

## Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa..

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1885.

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